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NOTED PEOPLE.

Aaron J. Oliver, Esq., the popular and capable messenger in the board of public instruction at Albany, is one of the most expert packers in the state service. He packs nearly all of the thousands of public documents that issue from that office. He is a bicycle enthusiast and owns one of the latest improved wheels. Aaron's a peach.

The Rev. W. S. Kane, pastor of the Hamilton Street A. M. E. church, Albany, is reasonably happy as the result of the outcome of the fair recently given by that church which netted over \$200. Dr. Kane is a forceful and convincing speaker and a very agreeable gentleman.

William H. Brent, Esq. is the popular head waiter at Stanwix Hall. He is a Marylander and an uncle of the late Calvin Brent the architect of this city. Mr. Brent is prominently identified with church and society work in Albany and is one of the trustees of Dr. Kane's church.

Mr. John D. Nichols is a promising young man who will some day loom up in the missionary field and make his mark. He is a fluent talker and is heartily devoted to church work.

Henry A. Spencer, Esq. of Rochester known as "Old Adam" because he is so good, is the confidential messenger of Speaker Nixon of the New York State Assembly. Mr. Spencer is a product of the Rochester schools and is as bright as a new silver dollar. He is the director of the Crummell Historical Club of Albany and at a recent meeting of that organization paid eloquent and deserved tribute to the memory of the good Queen Victoria which was most highly appreciated.

The Hon. Geo. H. Fitts is one of the most capable and efficient public servants in the county of Albany. He is a distinguished member of the Albany bar and is popular with all classes. The colored people have no better friend than he. He is one of the most approachable and affable men in public life and this is the secret of his great popularity.

Judge George Addington of the city court of Albany, is a republican and a good one. He is a young, brilliant lawyer and a spellbinder, who is in demand in every local or state campaign. He is president of the Unconditional Republican Club, the leading republican organization of Albany County, and a prominent member of the Elks. His star is in the ascendant and he has youth on his side and all the youths who like good people.

The Hon. John E. McElroy who some years ago entertained Mr. Booker T. Washington at his palatial residence in this city when Mr. Washington addressed the Regents of the State Library at their convocation, is a brother-in-law of the late President Chester A. Arthur, and is one of the leading business men of Albany and is prominently identified with the famous historical society of that city. He is greatly interested in Negro industrial education and is a great admirer of the Wizard of Tuskegee. He is a most genial gentleman.

Edward G. Hitchcock, Esq. supervisor of the 13th Ward of Albany is one of the shrewdest political tacticians in Albany County. He is the founder of the 13th Ward Republican Club, composed of young republicans who wisely follow his leadership and have implicit confidence in his political judgment. He is a cultured and refined gentleman, and when he is not playing politics, he devotes his spare moments to his books. The genealogy of the Hitchcock family—one of the oldest and best in the Empire State.

George W. McKenzie, a former business partner of our fellow townsman, Joseph Stewart of 15th Street who many years ago conducted one of the most popular hostilities in New York City, is, we learn an employee of the State Senate at Albany and a decided improvement over many of his predecessors in the office to which he has been appointed in that he does not attempt to enact the dual role of statesman and hired man. He is modest, unassuming, courteous and attentive to business and is making favorable record for himself among the solons of the state. George is all right.

Miss Mary R. Hoyt is a woman with decidedly

strong and correct views on the question of the moral advancement of Negro women and girls in Albany, N. Y. She believes that the women of the race who have superior advantages should interest themselves more in the uplift of these unfortunate of her race and sex who she says "are too much neglected." She is an active church worker and a woman of more than ordinary intelligence.

The great W. Dean Howells in the Literary Digest of February says: "I willing, rather than unwilling in coming down to the close of the century to find in Emily Dickinson, in Richard Hovey, in Stephen Crane, in Paul Laurence Dunbar, and in Edwin Markham assurances of continued vitality in our poets who if they no longer roll the psalm to wintry skies or put our national conscience into verse or have not, like the great New Englander the pathos of escape from the imminent deadly moral into the keeping of a somewhat timorous and self-doubting beautiful, are still poets of as rare calling and election as most of the e remembered from the former centuries."

HE SIGNS ALL MONEY.

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joys the universal respect and confidence of the men and women of his own race. While entertaining views and convictions that he cherishes, he expresses them with such courtesy and unfailing good temper that he never inflicts wounds that rankle and fester.

Mr. Lyons is thoroughly and naturally popular in his tastes and habits. He listens to what every one who calls to see him, has to say, and does it too without any show of condescension. Nothing gives him greater pain than to be unable to bestow a favor. A gentleman speaking recently of Mr. Lyons' kindness to the race, said: "I think he has obtained more audiences for colored men seeking interviews with the President, than any other man of his race in a given time." This statement is doubtless true, and illustrates how untiring he is in effort that will help the race.

As an administrative officer Mr. Lyons has shown himself to be a man of marked talent. His genius for detail already referred to, has enabled him to master the affairs of his office even to the matters of small daily routine. The manner in which his office handled the Spanish American War loan of 1898 is a permanent testimony of his faculty for administration. This loan presented new problems to the office of the Register. The loan was to be taken by the people; former ones had been taken by banks and syndicates. The clerical force of the office had to be temporarily increased to meet the emergency. But notwithstanding the new conditions imposed, the large force of inexperienced clerks to be trained, the thousands of bidders to be dealt with;—not a single error occurred, not a single bond went astray. Two hundred million dollars in bonds were sent to thousands of purchasers without a hitch or a mistake.

The spirit of the times demands in leaders discipline, efficiency and experience. The tendency to continue in the ethos who render the best service becoming a fixed act in our national life. The trained, experienced man has the call in this age. The colored race will not fail to give due credit to these qualities, and will support in places of honor and authority those who show themselves fit to discharge high duties. Such a man is Judson W. Lyons. Blameless in integrity, ripe in scholarship, vigorous in mentality, loyal to race, crowned with achievement and recognized and commended by the strongest forces in our national life, he is now at the place in his career where the race cannot with justice to itself dispense with his services.

The explosion of a gasoline stove shortly before 1 o'clock last Sunday afternoon set fire to the residence of E. G. Bailey, 229 New Jersey avenue, northwest. The fire department responded to an alarm from box 15 and prevented the damage from exceeding \$20.

Dr. A. C. Garrott of the Pension Bureau left for Montgomery Ala. last Sunday night to spend his annual leave. It is believed by a few knowing ones that the genial Doctor will consume his stay in feeling the public pulse as to the possibilities of locating there permanently in the practice of his profession.

Call at your nearest news dealer for a copy of The Colored American,

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

United Order of True Reformers.

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881.

Office 604, 606 and 608 N. 2nd St., - - Richmond, Va.

An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for gilt edged business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 16 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per month.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 3 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00, either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.

In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues, \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1,000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Classe B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29 1900, a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but to the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$8,272 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164,423 83
Due from National Banks ..	48,383 22
Banking House	14,000 00
Other real estates	99,588 00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,388 99
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12,399 80
Paper currency	35,820 00
Total	391,120 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	88,125 00
Surplus fund	50,957 81
Undivided profits	6,826 80
Demand certificate of deposit	96,786 29
Time certificates of deposit ..	118,424 74
Total	391,120 64

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home". With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases 18 buildings.

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